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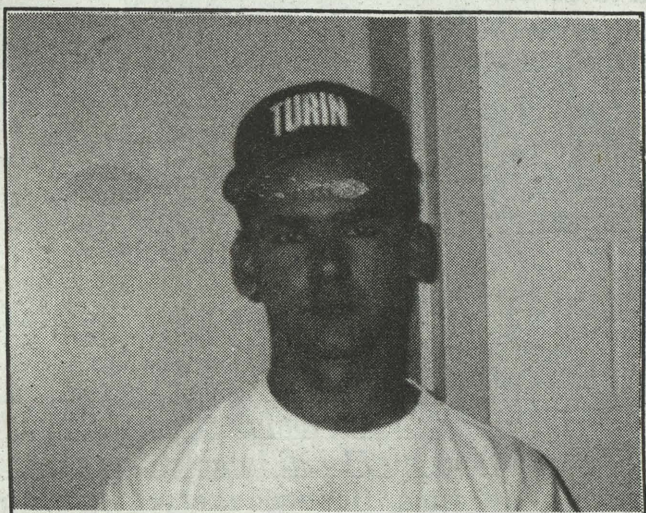
# Carbon

"We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are."

--Anais Nin,  
American Writer

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## Cycling Team Brings National Champion and 5th Overall Finish



Bill Clay won Marian's first National Championship. (Photo by Jose Argiz)

Will Fehlinger

It's been a long time coming, but Marian College can now boast its first national champion, Bill Clay, and he comes via a new sport on campus: cycling.

Clay took the gold medal in the 1 KM sprint over the weekend of September 11-13; added a silver medal in the Omnium; and finished fourth in another 1 KM race.

This paced the cycling team to a 5th-place finish in the Collegiate Track National Championships in Chicago.

Appraisal for Clay came willingly from Coach Terry Hoffer, "He is one of the best, if not the best, at the collegiate level across the country. To put it simply, Bill is a frontrunning Olympic hopeful for the Atlanta games."

The team's 4th-place finish in another event was a result of tremendous effort. "The team pursuit was really exciting and the guys finishing fourth was a thrill," Coach Hoffer commented, "The crowd at the track even began pulling for our team."

The second-highest fin-

ish for the team was by Damian Keckeisen, who raced to the 10th place in the individual pursuit, a 4 KM timed event. In the points race, which begins with 40 racers and lasts 30 KM, Derek Witte finished 14th while Frank Ventura took 17th place.

The Knights' 5th place position was preceded by (in order of finish) Indiana, Colorado, Purdue, and the University of San Diego.

Reactions from Coach Hoffer were, as expected, uplifting: "I was very pleased. I really couldn't expect anything more, being that there was little time to train. Given more training time, we could do even better." Team members felt the same, "We were pleased, but felt we could've ridden even better. We made a few mistakes, but are looking forward to 'kicking butt' next year."

Asked whether the high finish foreshadows good things for the program, Coach Hoffer said, "Finishing 5th will definitely attract recruits and with more sponsorship, the (See NATIONAL pg 4)

## Indiana's Children in Poor Condition, Speaker Says

Karen Walsh

Tuesday, September 15th was Marian's first convocation of the new year. Pat Turner-Smith of the Indiana Youth Institute spoke to a small group of students and faculty on the state of children in Indiana today.

Smith, described by Joyce Johnstone as "someone who makes a difference" and "someone who gets things done," expressed concern about the youth of today. She remarked, "I've always felt motivated by a need to serve, and youth have always been a part of my pursuits."

According to Smith, the problem today is that we show more support and concern to abused dogs than we do to our children, our leaders of tomorrow.

Smith told of the consequences of our neglect and they are indeed disturbing:

\*Two out of five children will be living in pov-

erty by the year 2000. The poverty level is \$13,400 for a family of four. In 1989, 13.9 percent of Indiana's children and 17.9 percent of U.S. children under age eighteen were living below poverty level.

\*In a 1992 Indiana Youth Poll, 59.1 percent of youth living in metro areas and 40.0 percent living in rural areas said they expected to live outside of Indiana by age thirty. They feel there is nothing for them here, and they leave.

\*The total number of reported cases of child abuse in 1987 was 29,344 and by 1991, this number increased to 61,027. Some may say that this increase is simply due to better reporting, but it is also due to a higher number of incidents.

\*Seventy-four percent of Indiana's children graduate from high school but only 13.8 percent complete four years

of college. Going to college used to be a luxury for the select few, but it's becoming more of a necessity. There used to be a demand for people to work in large plants or in agriculture but Smith says, "The current economy needs a different kind of worker."

\*Though the dropout rate is diminishing, the majority of children today who drop out of school do so in the 9th grade, compared to previous years when the majority dropped out in the 11th grade.

What can one person do to help the children of today? Smith reminded the group of students and faculty that they should never underestimate their power of control.

Her solution: "Begin to talk about issues, vote, and write editorials if things disturb you. Support those people who are trying to serve kids. This is what's facing the future unless we do something."

## Peer Review Board Reviewed: A Fair System?

Derek Witte

You throw a blanket over your girlfriend, and stealthily usher her down the back steps of Doyle. Between the first and second floors you run headlong into your R.A. It's 12:30 on a Thursday, and you're busted.

Your R.A., without making any judgement, reports the incident. It looks bleak, but instead of throwing you to the lions, the administration sentences you to having a ca-

sual meeting with fellow classmates?

At Marian College, students who disobey minor regulations are not reprimanded by the Resident Director, or a member of the faculty; they are sent before the Peer Review Board. Although the name may sound official or even ominous, in reality it is a unique opportunity for students to explain a misunderstanding, or sim-

ply tell the truth. It is definitely nothing to fear.

The Peer Review Board consists of two students from each residence hall, and one commuter student. It usually meets in the library basement after dinner. The board members listen carefully to the original report, and then ask the student if he or she agrees. Next, the student is given a chance to explain circumstances, or simply confess. (See REVIEW pg 4)



## Political Minds

### A Challenge to Pro-Abortionists

George Spaeth

In August, the Republicans convened in Houston to nominate their Presidential candidate and confirm a party platform that, among other things, called for a constitutional amendment defining life as beginning at conception. (Exceptions were *not* made for instances of rape or incest.)

Since conventions are normally three day organized political advertisements, the media reveled in the potential controversy surrounding a small movement within the Republican party to change its pro-life position.

The problem? Republican support for the movement was lukewarm at best and this was evidenced at the convention.

In Houston, Republicans for Choice needed only six states or territories to debate the party position on abortion. In total, Ann Stone's organization was only able to convince four states to oppose the party position.

Nevertheless, the pro-choice movement insisted that Republican opposition to abortion would ultimately doom the President in his re-election bid. The media, anxious to maintain the controversy, labeled the convention a divisive one, and predicted the pro-choice constituency would bolt from the party.

Both of these positions seem inaccurate. The first, that the strong pro-life position of the Republican party would doom President Bush, doesn't

have much validity. In the past three presidential elections, pro-life candidates have won decisive victories over pro-choice candidates. This information suggests one of two possibilities. Either there are more pro-life voters than pro-choice voters (polling data is inconclusive on this point) or the issue of abortion is not the primary issue in determining voter preferences. Of the two alternatives, the second appears to be the most likely.

The second position, that pro-choice Republicans might bolt from the party in favor of Bill Clinton and the Democratic party seems, in the light of the first question, to be a moot point. If, however, the primary issue in the mind of the voters is abortion, wouldn't the Democratic party also face alienating a significant portion of its constituency with its view, that of abortion on demand?

One would think so, except the media has portrayed Bill Clinton as a moderate on this issue. While he claims to hold life in high regard, he persists with the belief that women retain the right to choose what to do with their bodies. This dip into Orwellian doublespeak is made possible by the euphemistically disingenuous title, pro-choice.

A more accurate name would be pro-baby killing. This addresses what the position really is, and it is in this context, that Governor Clinton's position

can be seen as absurd. While he claims to hold life in high regard, he persists with the belief that women should retain the right to kill babies. The contradiction is thereby made clear.

The Republican position on abortion will not harm them in November. However, the significance of the issue in this election can not be understated. The presidential power to appoint men and women to positions in the judiciary is often overlooked when voters go to the polls. This despite the fact that in no arena other than the judiciary can a president's philosophical mark be so clearly made.

For Roe v. Wade to be reversed, an additional replace one of the two remaining liberals on the Supreme Court. This opportunity is lost with the election of Bill Clinton, and with it, any hope of reversing the position for several years. Since our country averages over a million abortions a year, the status of this issue to a pro-life voter is at crisis.

Because this issue is so crucial to the election, or to better state it, because the election is so crucial to the issue, this column calls for a campus debate on the issue. The debate would consist of two panels of opposing views, each with three members. I have my three members, now I defy those of the pro-baby killing position to respond.

To the Marian Community:

An extremely pleasant ritual that I have had now for two years on the Marian College campus is to go to the bookstore and pick up my daily New York Times. It's only one of the world's great newspapers, and to be had at such a small price (30 cents an issue)! Well, now I add to my daily ritual some amazement that at a school with over 1,200 students, and over 150 faculty and staff people, a grand total of only six

people have taken advantage of one of the best deals of all times. If my letter appears to be overburdened by superlatives, that is partly to convey my surprise at the way an opportunity to encourage thinking and reading, while offering a huge window on to the world-at-large can go unused, even by the teachers on this campus. Why?

Dr. Brian Adler

**By now we're fairly confident that the beautiful pink signs asking for *Fioretti* submissions have captured your attention. However, as of yet, we have not been sufficiently bombarded by a plethora of writings. Why is this? Is there a lack of creativity at Marian College? We think not.**

**In any case, we need your help. After all, this is a school publication which means that we need to hear from you, students, faculty, and staff. Now don't feel pressured. We're not asking that you be a Kurt Vonnegut or some such creative genius--only that you share some of your imaginative talents with your peers. Without your contributions, we might be forced to fill this next issue with our own writings, but then only some of us would be interested.**

**If you are so inclined, you may turn your works in to the *Fioretti* mailbox in the student center or the English office.**

the editors

### Bookstore Notice

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:00-4:00

Friday 9:30-3:00

(and days we dismiss for holiday)

Reminder: We carry other items besides textbooks and supplies\* Candy

\*Hostess Cup Cake Items

\*General boo

\*Gift items

\*Great Cards

\*29 cent stamps

Carlos Alazraqui

Tuesday, September  
22, 1992  
Marian Hall Auditorium  
8:00 p.m.

Comedian and Impersonator  
Sponsored by MCSA  
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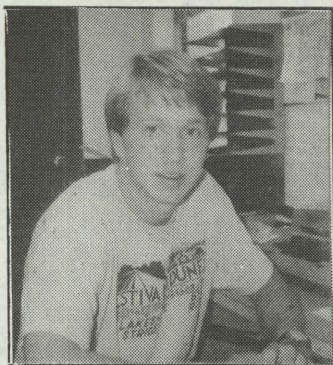
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## KnightSpeak

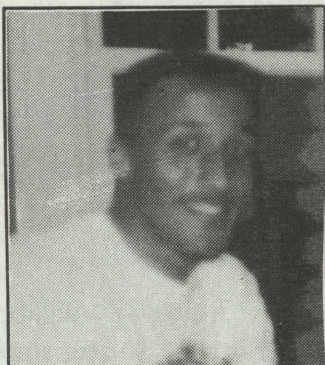
### What Do You Think About The Upcoming Election--Who Will You Vote For?



**Dan Nichols--**"I think voters have a difficult choice to make in this election. I don't think either party has the right answers."

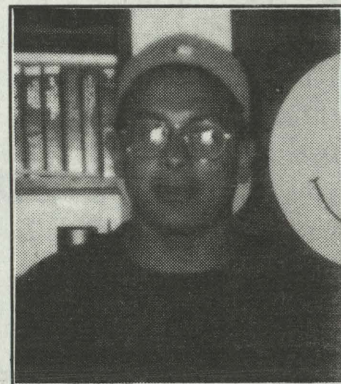
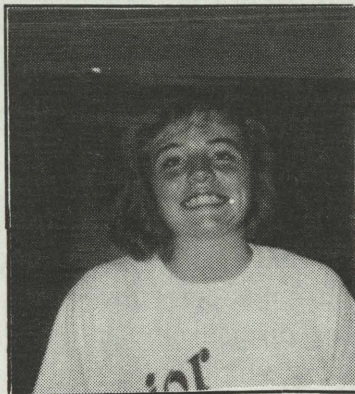
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**Diane Halfman--**"I am voting not for Bush but against Clinton because of the Democratic platform regarding legal abortion up to 9 months...Hell, maybe I'll just write in Jimmy Buffett."



**Aaron Felty--**"I'm gonna vote cause I feel it's my obligation. I want to get my say in the matter. Not much promise either way."

**Wendy Allen--**"I think an honest candidate is the best candidate...is willing to put forth creativity and effort and always presents the issues in a straightforward manner."



**Carlos Vidaurre--**"Clinton offers the best hope for a positive change in our political platform right now to the way things are being handled."

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JOSE ARGIZ

**Janet Mazzoni--**"It's a rat race and you can't tell which rat is which."

**Trent Sand--**"\*&#@'em all!"

social programs. Citizens are too apathetic."

**Tony Gorball--**"Even though there is so much publicity...I still don't know enough about each one's views."

**Claudia Struewing--**"I'm sick of hearing about family values. They should move on to something else."

**Becky Simmermeyer--**"It would be easier if we could choose the best candidate but the only choice we have is to choose the lesser of two evils."

**Angela Bruce--**"Damned if you do and damned if you don't."

**Anonymous--**"I should be president and solve everything."

**Jim DaShield--**"It's a good idea. As Ghandi once said, 'Democracy, it's a good idea.'"

**Wanda Jennings--**"Family values are important but I think there are other issues they should be talking about."

**Christina Beltrame--**"A lot of it is the responsibilities of citizens. We can't expect both low taxes and

**Mandy Winkler--**"The only reason I'd vote for Bush is to vote against Clinton and viceversa."

## CHIT CHAT

### Gary Randolph Tells Us About Campus Events '92-93

Will Fehlinger

Sitting down with the Campus Events Coordinator, Gary Randolph, we discussed Gary's involvement with campus activities, his duties as coordinator, opinion on events to date, and insight to future events. We also discussed students' lack of participation in such events.

**Will:** What do you do exactly as events coordinator?

**Gary:** What I do is work with my committee: without my committee, I'd be lost. There's Matt Stoelb who dabbles with everything; Rob Hamilton, my right hand man; Maureen

Meier, Leann Wittich, and Amy Garner are the publicity people; Michelle Mattox does dances and decorations; Paige Durkee works with Project Indianapolis; Greg Boyd and Penny Cope work with Inter-club Council. Simply, it is not just me, but a number of students."

**Will:** What of the events already past?

**Gary:** There was a Wild Video/dance party, sans the video. There were questions about the payment of the dance, but I have no comment on it. There is dissatisfaction from an organizer's point of view.

Then there were the screening of movies. I think the lack of publicity for the movies contributed to the fact of little attendance.

(This past Saturday the 18th, a dance in Alverna was graced with an appearance by "Jammin" John Trout of WZPL.)

**Will:** What events are coming up on the calendar?

**Gary:** We have a comedian scheduled for Tuesday the 22nd. His name is Carlos Alazraqui--he bills himself as the comedian with the eye chart for a name. Then there is a third movie coming

up.

**Will:** Comments on the position and student involvement?

**Gary:** Basically, it's a lot of fun. I hear people talking about not having fun here at Marian and how boring it is, but what they have to realize, in my opinion, is it won't be fun unless you try to work at it and make it fun.

The events that are planned need student input and involvement. The board has voted to eliminate the \$2 fee for the movies, so now students may enjoy a free flick.

If Romeo had  
been an outfielder.  
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## Knightly Notes

**Notice to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:** Application to Teacher Education Program may be picked up in the Education Department in Rm2 of Marian Hall now through **Friday, September 25**. To be eligible you must have passed your PPST or the NTE General Knowledge and Communication Skills Test.

PPST will be administered at Marian on October 24, 1992, at 8:00 a.m. Registration is through the Education Dept Room 2 in Marian Hall. Please sign up by **September 22** and check must be in by **Sept 24**. **Test Is Required For Admission to Teacher Education Program.**

Anyone is interested in **Medieval recreation and learning about the middle ages?** Colleen Method is trying to start a college group of the non-profit group, The Society for Creative Anachronisms, Inc., an international educational and recreational group. If interested, please leave a note to her attention at the library circulation desk or call Ext. 341.

Are you interested in alcohol/drug education? Have you been involved with S.A.D.D. or similar organizations? A student group is currently working on an exciting project related to these topics. **Please join us for an informal pizza party/meeting on Tuesday, Sept 22**

**at 8 p.m.** in Alverna Student Center.

Interested in cycling? Want to become involved as a team manager/volunteer road manager? Or do you just want to get involved? Contact Terry Hoeffler at 291-5319 for more information.

**Global Review '92** will be **Thursday, September 24th** in front of St. Francis Hall between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Delicious foods from many nations; international gifts and crafts. The Global Review planning committee encourages you to prepare your favorite international dish (including U.S.A items). For more info, call Sr. Roseanne Taylor, ext 272 or Adele Tyson, 929-2371.

### Mandatory Meeting Teacher Education Program

#### ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TEACHER EDUCATION

- Early Childhood
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education

**Tuesday, September 22nd, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**  
Library Auditorium

- \*Receive Program Handbooks
- \*Discuss requirements
- \*PPST
- \*NTE
- \*Field Experiences
- \*Advising

### Classified Ads

Seeking student to care for 3 boys one afternoon per week and 1 evening per month. References required. Northside 875-9382.

**At-Your-School:** Child Service needs two assistants to work in after-school childcare program at Cold Spring Elementary from 1:45-6:00 Monday through Friday. Experience working in groups. For more information call 283-3817.

## O Sweet Spontaneous

Michelle Gobin

Hello dear readers, I'm back. How were your collective summers? Just boffo, I hope. Anyhow, to get to the point of this little piece of fluff I call a weekly column, I'd like to address an issue near and dear to my cratchity writer's heart. The issue in question is grammar. Grammar, you ask stifling a groan and recalling hideous experiences of dusty English teachers and mothers reprimanding you with pursed lips and firm statements of "MAY Biff and I go out to play?" Such scarring memories should not force your college-aged vocabularies to sink to such a level as I have heard about the campus in the past few weeks. The fact that I am an English major only intensifies my displeasure when I walk down the

halls hearing rousing choruses of: "I ain't never seen nothin' like that stuff he was teachin' before" and "We was goin' to dinner at the cafe but we dun decided to go to the snack bar instead." (here would be a good place to insert that both of the above quotes were overheard from real students whose names were left out to protect the ignorant.) My question is, simply stated for those who are grammatically challenged, **WHY?** If I am not mistaken, to be admitted to college one must not only complete 12 or more years of a previous education and be at least marginally proficient on tests of the knowledge acquired therein but also pass placement tests and participate in interviews. I can only wonder if this language (I use the term lightly) that prevails about the campus today

was accepted and encouraged in all of those educational experiences mentioned above. My guess would be no. The only answer I can determine is that such grammatical abuse is only practiced outside of the school setting. If this is the case I suppose I should commend the lot of grammar-abusers I've seen about the place for the sheer fact they have acquired the talent of being bi-lingual. Perhaps no.

Please don't get me wrong, I don't mean to come across as a ruler-wielding psycho with nothing better to do with her life than bash those with questionable grammatical skill, but the English language is a rather necessary evil and I find the misuse of it to be needless and annoying, especially in college.

Finally, the board deliberates. Soon after, they either acquit or penalize the student. The most common punishment is a fine that is placed into the general operating fund.

Cathy Bickel, Director of Residence Life, feels that the Peer Review Board is more effective than the traditional meeting with an administrator. According to Bickel, an offender is more likely to take into consideration the criticism of a peer than that of someone twenty

years older. Furthermore, Bickel believes that, "the students are more fair, because they understand residence hall life", and, "are more astute about circumstances."

Evidently, the student body agrees with Bickel. Before the Peer Review Board was instituted many students questioned the punishment decisions. However, since the beginning of this program two years ago, only two appeals have been filed.

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program can rise higher." He also said they are planning on installing a women's team.

Coach Hoffer highlighted the fact that this was Marian's first national championship: "What you've got here is something to be proud of. Cycling is a sport which the general public does not

understand, but these kids have been working a long time to prepare their bodies for these taxing races... This incredible effort represents more hard work than I can tell you."

In the spring, the team will ride road races after an off-season of riding and weight-training.

**Deadline To Submit Letters:**  
Every Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. in the  
Carbon box in the faculty mail room.